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REMARKS

Claims 22-34 are pending. Claims 22, 27, and 31 are amended. Claims 1-21 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 22-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in view of Walker et al. (US 6,110,041) and Heidel (EP 0769769).

Applicant's Attorney wishes to thank Examiners Deodhar and Hotaling for discussing the present application in the telephone interview of July 31, 2007. Heidel is cited in the Office Action as teaching a video overlay device in the form of a video controller 56. As explained in the interview, the video controller 56 does not equate with the claimed video overlay device. For instance, Heidel fails to disclose or suggest that video controller 56 is coupled to receive the game image and "configured to receive, responsive to the host computer identifying the player based on the player identification information, the player tracking information from the player account," and "combine the player tracking information image with the game image to define a combined image, including overlaying the player tracking information image on one or more regions of the game image designated as unimportant to game play," as recited in claim 1.

After discussing the claimed feature of the video overlay device in the telephone interview of July 31st, Examiners Hotaling and Deodhar indicated that a study of additional art was needed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection based on Walker and Heidel should be withdrawn. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

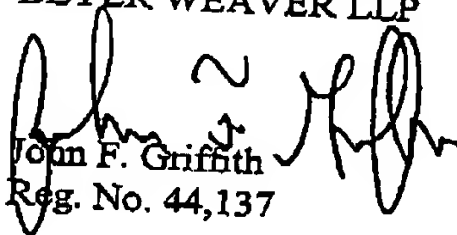
Conclusion

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date is requested.

If prosecution of this application can be assisted by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (510) 663-1100.

Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are required to facilitate the filing of this Amendment. However, if it is determined that such fees are due, please charge such additional fees to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. IGT1P121).

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